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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR GDR SERVICE ENGINEERS

REF: BERLIN 5036, BERLIN 5968

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT PURPOSE OF DELAY IN
ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO GDR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL HAS NOW
BEEN SERVED. IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVIDENCE OF GDR INTEREST
IN IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS, WE BELIEVE THIS
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WOULD BE A GOOD POINT TO RECIPROCATATE BY ISSUING THE
VISAS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY OF OUR
DECISION TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS. INFORMATION
PROMISED IN REFTEL MUST BE PROVIDED BEFORE A FINAL
DECISION CAN BE MADE. EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT
DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH VISAS IS BASED ON OUR
SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS MADE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS

IN RECENT WEEKS AND ON OUR HOPE THAT INCREASED EXCHANGES
IN THE TRADE FIELD WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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